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SUBJECT: LOS: CONSULTATIONS IN TEHRAN

1. SUMMARY. US LOS TEAM, LED BY JOHN NORTON MOORE, MET WITH IRANIAN GROUP HEADED BY DR KAZEMI MAY 28. MOORE OUTLINED IN DETAIL US LOS POSITION REGARDING POLLUTION, STRAITS AND TERRITORIAL SEA, COASTAL RESOURCES, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, DEEP SEABED, PROVISIONAL APPLICATION AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. END SUMMARY.

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2. POLLUTION. KAZEMI INDICATED A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN IRANIAN

POSITION. HE SAID THAT US AND IRAN "BASICALLY THINK ON SAME WAVE LENGTHS." KAZEMI AGREED THERE SHOULD BE INTERNATIONAL--NOT COASTAL--STATE POLLUTION STANDARDS. HE INDICATED THAT PROBLEM EXISTS WITH US PROPOSED ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES. HE STATED FLATLY, HOWEVER, THAT DESIGNATION OF PERSIAN GULF AS SPECIAL AREA UNDER IMCO SATISFIED IRAN'S PROBLEM IN GULF.

3. STRAITS AND TERRITORIAL SEA. IRAN'S POSITION ON STRAITS REMAINS UNCHANGED. WHILE IRAN RECOGNIZES A 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND NEED FOR REGIME FOR PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS, IT DOES NOT ACKNOWLEDGE NEED FOR UNIMPEDED TRANSIT. IRAN SEEKS INSTEAD "OBJECTIVE RULE OF PASSAGE" WHICH WOULD BE SET BY UNSPECIFIED "NEUTRAL" INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT MILITARY MANEUVERING.

4. COASTAL RESOURCES. KAZEMI STATED IRAN'S STRONG OPPOSITION TO BROAD, EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE SINCE BROAD ZONE WOULD REDUCE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY'S CONTROL. HE ACCEPTED CONCEPT OF GUARANTEE OF INVESTMENTS BUT ADDED THAT GUARANTEE DEPENDENT ON JUST AGREEMENTS. ON ISSUE OF FISHERIES, KAZEMI STATED HE HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH US PROPOSALS ON ANADROMOUS AND HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES. WITH COASTAL SPECIES, HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT OBLIGATION TO LICENSE OTHER STATES FOR UNUSED PORTION OF FISH CATCH SINCE, HE ARGUED, POWERFUL DISTANT WATER FISHING STATES WOULD BENEFIT FROM APPROACH AND SMALL STATES WOULD SUFFER. HE SAID THAT LICENSING FEES WOULD BE SUFFICIENT INCENTIVE TO ENSURE MAXIMUM UTILIZATION.

5. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. AFTER ASSERTING THAT FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WAS FINE FOR ADVANCED STATES WHICH POSSESS TECHNOLOGICAL COMPETENCE TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, KAZEMI CONCLUDED THAT CONSENT WOULD BE REQUIRED IF ECONOMIC ZONE ESTABLISHED SINCE EVERYTHING WITHIN ZONE WOULD BELONG TO COASTAL STATE. KAZEMI LIKED US PROPOSED OBLIGATIONS ON RESEARCHING STATE BUT INSISTED THAT OBTAINING CONSENT BE ADDED AS ADDITIONAL OBLIGATION. HE ASKED WHETHER A SYSTEM COULD NOT BE WORKED OUT IN WHICH CONSENT WOULD BE ASSUMED AFTER A PASSAGE OF SPECIFIED TIME.

6. DEEP SEABED. IRAN TOOK HARD LINE ON DEEP SEABED ISSUES.

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KAZEMI STATED THAT SEABED REPRESENTED LAST CHANCE FOR HUMANITY TO WORK TOGETHER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCE AREA. IN HIS VIEW, COMPROMISE POSITION IS INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY WITH OPERATING ARM WHICH WOULD EXPLORE AND EXPLOIT IN JOINT VENTURE ARRANGEMENTS WITH INDIVIDUAL STATES. KAZEMI STATED HE SAW NO NEED TO RUSH TO EXPLORE

AND EXPLOIT. INSTEAD, INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY SHOULD BE BUILT UP FIRST TO TAKE OVER SEABED MINERAL DEVELOPMENT. KAZEMI SEEMED TO SUGGEST THAT INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY MIGHT LATER EXTEND ITS MANAGEMENT TO LAND-BASED MINERALS.

7. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. ON BOTH ISSUES, KAZEMI STATED THAT IRAN WOULD CONSIDER US PROPOSALS BUT THAT TO DATE IRAN HAD NO POSITION ON EITHER QUESTION.
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